Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-8.   (Cancelled).

9.   (Original)   An image-forming method comprising a step where an electrostatic latent image on an electrostatically charged-image holder is developed with a developer fed from a developer carrier and a step where the above developed image is transferred onto a transferring material, wherein the above electrostatically charged-image holder has a radius of curvature of 18 mm or less in a development effective range; the above developer is a two-component developer comprising a toner comprising at least a binder and a colorant and a carrier which is coated with a resin and has a weight average particle diameter of 40 to 100 μ m; the above toner has a volume average particle diameter of 8 to 11.5 μ m; and the toner particles having a diameter of 6.35 μ m or less account for 20 number % or less.

10.   (Original)   The image-forming method as described in claim 9, wherein the developing step described above satisfies the following equation:

$$0.12 \leqq \{(Rm + Dsd) \times k\}/Rd \times T \leqq 0.35$$

wherein Rm represents a radius (mm) of curvature of the developer carrier; Rd represents a radius (mm) of curvature of the electrostatically charged-image holder in the development

effective range; k represents a ratio of a peripheral speed (mm/sec) of the developer carrier to a peripheral speed (mm/sec) of the electrostatically charged-image holder; Dsd represents a minimum proximity distance (mm) between the electrostatically charged-image holder and the developer carrier; and T represents a number % of the toner particles having a diameter of 6.35 μ m or less.

11. (Original)   The image-forming method as described in claim 9, wherein the electrostatically charged-image holder and the developer carrier rotate in directions reverse to each other in the development effective range described above.

12. (Original)   The image-forming method as described in any of claims 9 to 11, wherein a variation coefficient in toner particle size distribution in terms of number is 35 or less.

13. (Original)   The image-forming method as described in any of claims 9 to 11, wherein used is the toner described above comprising toner particles having a diameter falling in a range of 4.00 to 5.04 μ m in a range of 2 to 6 number % and toner particles having a diameter falling in a range of 5.04 to 6.35 μ m in a range of 2 to 10 number %.

14. (Original)   The image-forming method as described in any of claims 9 to 11, wherein used is the developer in which a charging series of the toner described above has a negative charging property.

15.   (Original)   The image-forming method as described in any of claims 9 to 11, wherein the binder contained in the toner described above is a styrene base resin.

16.   (Original)   The image-forming method as described in any of claims 9 to 11, wherein the carrier described above is an iron powder carrier.

17.   (Original)   The image-forming method as described in any of claims 9 to 11, wherein the resin coating the carrier described above is a silicon resin.